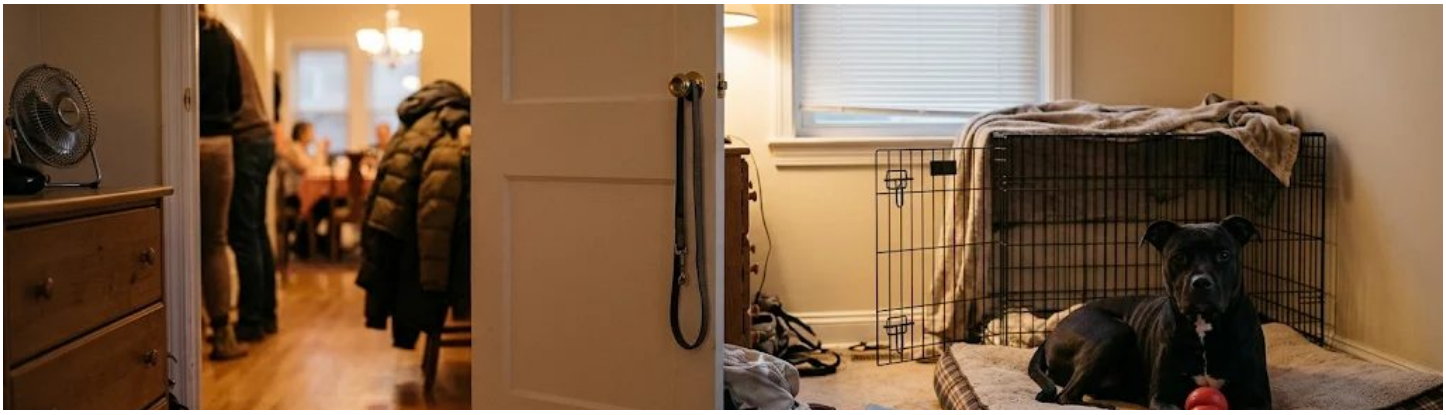
LET THEM BE DOG

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New Rescue Dog Holiday Plan



THE SHORT ANSWER

A new rescue dog stays calmest during the holidays with a closed-door safe room, a steady routine and short, optional contact with guests. Dog holiday safety for a recently adopted dog depends more on managing doors and guests than on any calming product. Most dogs home about a month do better watching a party from a distance than joining it.

FOUR THINGS TO REMEMBER

1. Set up a closed-door safe room with a crate or bed, water, chews, a frozen food toy and a fan running.
2. Keep 2 barriers between your dog and the street during arrivals and goodbyes. Check the ID tag and microchip info.
3. Text guests ahead: ignore the dog, no people food, close the door. Kids sit and toss treats.
4. Pick a plan: short leashed cameo, watch from the gate or full skip. When in doubt, skip.

YOUR NEXT STEP

If your dog eats something risky, call your vet or the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center at (888) 426-4435 (a fee may apply).

Read the full article and sources:

https://letthembedog.com/blog/dog-holiday-safety

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